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The following is a Q-S-T. 160,000 power supplies are recalled by Radio Shack and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Is there on in your shack? Also, Algerian hams loose two High Frequency bands as well as everything at V-H-F and ham radio says a happy retirement to one of its good guys. Find out who on Amateur Radio Newsline(tm) report number 1613 coming your way right now.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: FCC RULES ENFORCER RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH RETIRES

The man who took ham radio out of the hands of trouble makers and made it family friendly once again has retired from public service. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who held the title of Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau officially retired from the agency on July 3rd. And in his final major public appearance at last May's Dayton Hamvention, he took a moment to thank the ham community for its support:

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Hollingsworth: "You have a great service overall, and it's a major underpinning of the communications system in this country. And you demonstrate this on a daily basis. And we tank you all for the way you help us with enforcement in your radio service and every thank-you that you give us, believe me, is deeply appreciated. Thank you. (applause)

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Hollingsworth came to the position of rules enforcer more than a decade ago. It was a time when years of neglect by the FCC had permitted many of the popular ham bands to become over run by a small but vocal number of licensed amateurs who had no respect for the rights of others. These were hams who seemed to believe that the Part 97 Amateur Service rules did not pertain to them. Hams who claimed that their jamming and harassment of others was constitutionally protected freedom of expression and freedom of speech. It was Hollingsworth who would change all of that.

It was not very long before some of the most high profile offenders began receiving warning notices from Hollingsworth. Those that ignored the letters soon found that they were the subject of further FCC action. In some cases fines were issued. In others the FCC and the offender entered into agreements where the latter accepted operating restrictions or voluntarily surrendered their licenses for a given period of time.

There were also a number of license renewal set-asides. That's where a ham is not permitted to renew a license until a charged offense was adjudicated. It didn't take that person off the air, but was a clear

message that the FCC had that operators on the air operating habits under a proverbial microscope.

That said, more than a few of the situations did not require FCC enforcement action. As Hollingsworth said in his Dayton address, many times complaints that he received got solved without any intervention at all:

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Hollingsworth: "You would be amazed at the number of complaints I get that seem to be good complaints. And they are good complaints on the face of it. But if I check on them a few days later or a week or so later, the problem has gone away. A lot of it is unintentional or having second thoughts."

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Whenever possible, Hollingsworth approach was that negotiation was a far better way to approach a given situation than going the route of license suspension or revocation. And in most cases it worked. In the small number where it didn't, he and others in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau were more than ready to act. And act the agency would.

In one rather egregious case in California, FCC enforcement action begun by Hollingswoth's office and that of the Los Angeles FCC Field Office lead to FBI involvement in the case of former ham Jack Gerritsen, the ex-KG6IRO. Eventually Gerritsen was arrested, tried and convicted on six counts that included willful and malicious interference with radio communications and transmitting without a license. In 2006 Gerritsen was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined $15,225.

But Gerritsen was the mot extreme of the extreme. In most cases, the first letter and maybe a phone call was all that was needed to make a problem go away. And in his remarks at Hamvention 2008, Hollingsworth reminded the audience that the number of hams who cause problems is relatively small:

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Hollingsworth: "You have some poor operators and rude operators and operators who don't care and who are hateful and bitter about life in general, but every group has that. Whether its doctors, electricians, lawyers, whatever, Every group has a certain percentage of people like that in these time. But what you have to do, and remind yourself every day is to stay on the high road. And report to us if you can't resolve a problem after you have given it a chance to go away."

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And taking the high road was always what Riley Hollingsworth's tenure as Special Counsel for the FCC's Spectrum Enforcement Division was always all about. And by taking the high road, he helped to breath new life into our world of Amateur Radio.

For his efforts in helping to eliminate the problem of malicious interference that had been increasing on the ham bands Hollingsworth was

named to receive the 2006 Dayton Hamvention Special Achievement Award. Now he's out of the ham radio limelight and hopes to enjoy many years of hamming. He also hopes to talk to many of you on the air from his home station, K4ZDH. (ARNewsline(tm))

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RADIO SAFETY: RADIO SHACK AND CPSC RECALL TWO MODELS OF POPULAR POWER SUPPLIES

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Radio Shack Corporation issued a recall notice on July 2nd. This, concerning two models of power supplies that the CPSC says places owners at risk of electrocution while also presenting a fire hazard.

The units recalled are 13.8V DC Power Supplies identified as Radio Shack catalog items 22-507 and 22-508. They were sold at Radio Shack stores nationwide from October 2004 through January 2008 for between $50 and $85. The units affected carry date codes from 08A04 through 01A08. Both the catalog number and date code are located on the back of the power supply.

The CPSC release says that about 160,000 of these units are in the hands of the public. It advises that consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. Consumers should unplug the recalled power supply immediately and take it to any Radio Shack store for a free repair. Registered owners of the recalled units will be mailed a notice.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission release also notes that power supplies with a green dot on the product and on the product's packaging have already been repaired. Therefore, they are not included in the recall.

For additional information, contact Radio Shack anytime at 800-843-7422. Or you can visit the firm's website at www.radioshack.com/recall (CPSC public release)

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RESCUE RADIO: ARRL TELLS RED CROSS OF REMAINING BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY CONCERNS

The American Radio Relay League is still not happy with the American Red Cross policy on background checks of ham radio volunteers and has told the relief agency it has to make more changes. Amateur Radio Newsline's Don Carlson, KQ6FM, reports:

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The ARRL Letter reports that League President Joel Harrison, W-5-Zed-N, has written to Armond Mascelli about the League's concerns and the need for further changes on the part of the relief agency. Mascelli is the vice president for Domestic Disaster Response for the American Red Cross.

In his note Harrison identifies the ARRL's remaining misgivings over the background check policy for American Red Cross partners. These include the

Authorization for Background Investigation consent form which says Harrison still contains some highly equivocal and broad language. Language that because of its ambiguity will inevitably discourage substantial numbers of radio amateurs from participating in the background check process.

Also says W-5-Zed-N, the Disclosure Regarding Background Investigation form can still be construed as overly broad, although this can be corrected by fairly simple edits.

Even so, Harrison also emphasized that the commencement of negotiation of a replacement Statement of Understanding between the two organizations should not be further delayed while these concerns are resolved.

Harrison adds that he looks forward to signing a new Statement of Understanding once additional edits to the background check Disclosure Form and clarifications of the background check Authorization Form are in place for those radio amateurs who volunteer their service to the Red Cross.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Don Carlson, KQ6FM, in Reno.

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As we go to air there's no word if the American Red Cross has responded to this latest ARRL request. (ARRL)

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RESCUE RADIO: OARS ASSISTS IN NORCAL FIRES

A ham radio group in Northern California has been praised in news reports. This, for its assistance as wildfires continue to scar the area.

The Chico Enterprise Record says that the Oroville Amateur Radio Society has supplied about 22 of its members to assist with evacuations, shelter work and animal rescue. The article quotes club president Larry Thompson as saying that radios have been set up in the basement of the society's station to aid in the all out emergency relief effort. Thompson, who the FCC records identify as KI6JTU says that the hams are using them to communicate with the Red Cross, Salvation Army and other agencies to transmit information 24 hours a day.

Thompson says that two or three people are in the station doing shifts ranging from 4 to 24 hours a day, but that the society is trying to provide as much relief for them as possible. The newspaper also quotes Thompson as saying that the Oroville Amateur Radio Society is upholding its underlying purpose. That is to be there when all else fails. (Chico Enterprise Record)

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BREAK 1

From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world including the WR6ABD repeater serving San Jose California.

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RADIO LOSS: ALGERIA CANCELS HAM RADIO 80, 17 METERS PLUS UHF AND VHF

Hams in Algeria have lost access to several popular bands. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF is in the newsroom with more:

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According to 7X5JF, Algerian authorities have revoked and cancelled all operating privileges for the use of the 80 and 17 meters as well as the various VHF and UHF bands. Telecommunications regulators in Algeria gave no reason for their action. Hams in Algeria are hoping for a quick return of privileges on these ham radio allocations.

Interestingly, 7Y46ND had previously announced that he would be on the air during July in commemoration of 46 years of independence in Algeria. His activity was to have included both 80 and 17 meters as well as the other High Frequency bands. No word on how the government action will impact on plans for 7Y46ND's in the air schedule.

I'm Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, in Los Angeles.

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We will have more world highlights later on in this weeks report. (7X5JF, DL1BDF, OPDX)

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RESCUE RADIO: PC WORLD MAGAZINE LAUDS HAM RADIO

PC World Magazine says that "When Networks Fail, Hams to the Rescue." That's the title of their article dealing with the recent ARRL sponsored Field Day and the way in which radio amateurs demonstrated their ability to provide emergency communications in time of disasters and other communications outages.

In addition to Field Day, the article also touches on the volunteerism found in both the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the Military Affiliated Radio System. It also notes that ham radio uses many modes of operation to relay information including both analog and digital voice and data services that even includes e-mail. It also talks about groups of hams who are setting back-up communications for hospitals that takes over when telephone systems fail.

Admittedly the article is not a hundred percent technically accurate from a ham radio point of view. That said, it does provide the non-amateur general public to which it is targeted with a very positive view of the hobby and the services it can provide to the community, the nation and the world. You can read it on-line www.pcworld.com/article/148040/when_networks_fail_hams_to_the_rescue.html (PC World)

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RESTRUCTURING: CW USE ON THE RISE IN SOTA AWARD PROGRAM

CW seems to be increasing in polarity in the amateur radio world, and this is certainly reflected in the U-K sponsored Summits on the Air or SOTA award program. According to the Southgate News the majority of all activation's are undertaken using CW. Southgate says that this increasing trend is no doubt compounded by the addition of new overseas associations, where there is much more of a CW culture in portable operating.

While SOTA operations in the U-K have a greater bias towards voice modes such as SSB and FM, the CW bug is also biting. This, with several participants making the decision to revive their Morse after a long absence or even learn it from scratch specifically for use in the Summits on the Air program. (Southgate, RSGB)

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ENFORCEMENT: CHP ASKS HELP IN STOPPING COPPER THIEVES

A possible new use for your cellphone or autopatch in the great American South-West. This as the California Highway Patrol seeks public assistance in reporting suspicious activity that may lead to thieves who are stealing copper wiring from lighting along that states freeways. Newsline's Fred Vobbe, W8HDU, reports:

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According to a CHP spokesperson, wiring theft is hitting freeways on the average of once a week. Especially hard hot have been Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. CHP Officer Jennifer Hink says that the thieves are creating a real danger for people stranded in the dark on the shoulders of these roads.

Unlike a year ago when these thefts were still random, Hink says that the thieves these days are apparently skilled in the activity. She says that they know what they're doing and are using the right tools.

The thefts are the result of recyclers paying $3 a pound for the wiring, five times the 60 cents a pound five years ago. Authorities are reportedly working with recyclers but say that spotting stolen wiring can be difficult.

The CHP asks that any member of the public that sees suspicious activity was asked to call 911.

I'm Fred Vobbe, W8HDU.

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As this is really a world wide problem it might be wise to keep your eyes open and your radio at hand no matter where you live. (Published reports)

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HAM HAPPENINGS: ARRL AUDIO NEWS TELEPHONE SERVICE RESTORED

The ARRL says that telephone access to its Audio News ha been restored. The League says that it had been down for a few days due to equipment failure, but was still available as an MP3 audio file at the ARRL's website. Its also now back via telephone at 860-594-0384 once again. (ARRL)

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HAM HAPPENINGS: NORCAL 432 NET MOVES TO SUNDAY AT 7 PM

K6NC reports over the VHF Reflector that the famed Northern California 432 Net has been moved to Sunday night. The start time 7:00 PM Pacific time with the Net Control station taking early check-ins at 6:45. The frequency remains 432.100 MHz. With good conditions, the net has had check-ins from Oregon on the north, Western Nevada to the east, and Southern California to the south. (K6NC)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: STEVIE WONDER GOES TO HEIL SOUND MICS

Famed musician and performer Stevie Wonder now has a kind of remote connection to ham radio. No, the superstar has not joined the ranks of the hobby, but he is now using microphones manufactured by one of the amateur radios most recognized names.

Yep, you guessed it. Stevie Wonder is now using Heil Sound microphones on stage. Specifically the Heil PR 22, 30, 35 and 40. The same mics designed by ham radios own Mr. Audio, Bob Heil, K9EID, that many of you are using in your hamshacks.

Stevie Wonder's first appearance using Heil Sound microphones was a major event. It was in concert at the Hollywood Bowl in California, on Monday evening July 7th. A concert that Los Angeles Times called a masterful turn from one of the greatest musicians to ever grace the venerable venue.

In a note to Newsline, Bob Heil, simply said that he is very honored to have all of this happen. (ARNewsline(tm))

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RADIO ON SCREEN: 2 METERS IN THE GET SMART MOVIE

Ham radio has gotten smart. Well more like its gotten smart in the new hit movie Get Smart which in itself is a big screen sequel to the small screen hit TV show of the 1960's.

CQ Magazine editor Rich Moseson, W2VU., went to see the new flick. He says that someone was able to sneak a bit of ham radio into the "Get Smart" movie and we are not talking about some hams H-T going off in the theater.

Without giving anything away, Rich says that at one point the central character Maxwell Smart commandeers a car from another agent,. There under the dash, is a 2-meter rig, tuned to 146.91 MHz. We see it twice, since

the agent he took the car from calls him on the radio and the camera flashes back to the rig.

W2VU says that if you go to see the Get Smart movie, watch for this bit of big screen ham radio. We say its -- well -- very smart indeed. (W2VU)

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THE SOCIAL SCENE: GERMANY'S HAM RADIO 2008

Europe's recent Ham Radio Convention brought 17,100 visitors, 180 exhibitors and societies from over 30 nations to Friedrichshafen., Germany, the last weekend in June. Yes the convention is simply named Ham Radio and its sometimes called the Dayton Hamvention of the Continent. Film maker Dave Bell, W6AQ, went there for the first time this year. He says its really a lot more:

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Bell: "In Germany its all under roof. There are three or four buildings that are all tied together. And it doesn't matter what the weather is like outside because everybody is inside. And, its about the same size as Dayton and all of the manufacturers that we are familiar with plus a few others are there."

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Also there this year were some 95 youngsters. They participated in a special Ham Rallye, aimed at introducing them to the hobby. Also, over 100 teachers were present at the special training course held for them.

Video of this years show has been posted by several hams on the YouTube dot com video sharing website. Just use the YouTube search feature with the words Ham Radio Germany 2008. (ARNewsline(tm), W6AQ)

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THE SOCIAL SCENE: W1AW FROM THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

A very special, special events station will be on the air from Alaska's Arctic Circle from July 26th though August 10th. This, as W1AW portable KL7 takes to the air from truly rare Grid Square BP56 as part of the 2008 Alaska State Hamfest being held in Anchorage.

The station will operate on the Alaskan Arctic Circle from the intersection of the Dalton Highway some 200 miles North of Fairbanks. Listen out for this all band 24hour operation each day. The enhanced Gray-Line effect starts at about 06:00 UTC and lasts for 6 to 8 hours.

The main 2008 Alaska ARRL Convention will run from August 1st to August 4th 2008. In addition to the usual convention faire this year the planners have included attractions like cruses, Halibut fishing and a tour of the HAARP 3.6 Mega-watt transmitter site both before and after the main convention weekend.

More information on W1AW portable KL7 and the Alaska ARRL Convention is

on-line at www.akhamfest.com. (KL7BB)

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BREAK 2

This is ham radio news for today's radio amateur. From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGY: RFID TAGS VS. HOSPITAL ELECTRONICS

Medical monitoring equipment in hospitals could be interfered with by micro-power tracking devices called R-F Identification Tags. This, according to scientists in the Netherlands. Jim Damron, N8TMW, has the rest of the story:

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Radio frequency identification devices better known as RFID tags are on the rise in healthcare. Among other things they are being used to help track patients and reveal the location of equipment.

But the latest research, conducted at Vrije University in Amsterdam, shows a problem. There scientists tested the effect of holding both passive and powered RFID tags close to 41 medical devices, including ventilators, syringe pumps, dialysis machines and pacemakers. A total of 123 tests, three on each machine, were carried out. Some 34 produced an incident in which the RFID appeared to have an effect on hospital gear. Of these, 24 were deemed either "significant" or "hazardous".

In some tests, RFID's either switched off or changed the settings on mechanical ventilators, completely stopped the working of syringe pumps, caused external pacemakers to malfunction, and halted dialysis machines.

The device did not have to be held right up to the machine to make this happen - some "hazardous" incidents happened when the RFID was more than 10 inches away.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Jim Damron, N8TMW, reporting.

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You can read the full story at the link provided in this weeks printed Newsline report.

(DO NOT READ: You can read the full story at http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/7471008.st (BBC, southgate)

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGY: ROADRUNNER IS NEWEST SUPERCOMPUTER

The Los Alamos National Lab and IBM have introduced the world's latest fastest computer. Called Roadrunner, the $100 million machine that can perform 1,000 trillion calculations per second.

Built primarily for nuclear weapons work, the computer named Roadrunner, is twice as fast as IBM Blue Gene system at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, which itself is three times as fast as any of the world's other supercomputers. To explain how powerful it is, if everyone of the six billion people on earth used a handheld computer and worked 24-hours a day it would take them 46 years to do what Roadrunner can do in a single day.

(Shoptalk)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: P3E ORBITAL AND P5E MARS MISSION UPDATES

Heres the latest on the new Phase 3 E ham radio satellite now under construction. It was reported at the 2008 AMSAT Germany Symposium that the mechanical work on the satellite has been completed but it does not yet have the Internal Housekeeping Unit or I-H-U. There has been good progress on the transponder payloads with the 435 to 145 MHz software defined linear transponder being demonstrated at HAM RADIO 2008 in Friedrichshafen, Germany.

Once completed, the satellite will need a ride into Earth orbit. Right now it appears that the cost quoted by Arianespace for the launch of Phase 3 E is outside the budget of AMSAT Germany. However, AMSAT France has offered its support in any further negotiations. The possibility of using launch sites operated by India, Russia or Japan is being investigated.

P3E is closely linked to the Phase 5 E Mars Orbiter spacecraft also being built by the Radio Amateurs at AMSAT Germany. Phase 5 E will be the first private venture spacecraft to go to Mars and will use the 2.4 GHz and 10 GHz Amateur Satellite Service frequency allocations.

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WORLDBEAT - UK: MORSE IS NOR DEAD AS THE TIMES OF LONDON SAYS IT WAS

Turning to news from around the globe, Morse code is not dead, but try to tell that to the Times of London newspaper. Well, one ham did and the paper listened. Heres the story.

On Tuesday, July 1st, the Times published an article misleadingly claiming Morse code was deceased. The article titled "SOS, RIP" on inaccurately claimed that Morse code had died along with the SOS.

Knowing that was not the case, Tony Usher, G4HZW, wrote to the editor pointing out the error and his letter was published in the Thursday July 3rd edition. The Times article "SOS, RIP" July 1st can be seen at
http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/leading_article/article4244645.ece
The letter in response from Tony Usher G4HZW published July 3rd is at

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/letters/article4257377.ece
(Southgate)

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WORLDBEAT - NETHERLANDS: THE OMROEP ZENDER TRANSMITTER MUSEUM

Popular Communications reports in its July issue that a group of former employees of Holland's Nozema Services has set up a news historic radio website called the on-line Omroep Zender Museum.

Omroep Zender is Dutch for The Broadcast Transmitter Museum. Among the many things published there are photos of Dutch broadcast facilities dating back to 1935. The site also offers some audio, including the final moments of Radio Netherlands shortwave transmissions in English and Dutch from its famed Flevoland site.

A search engine has just been added to the site, though at the moment it is only in Dutch. Nozema Services used to be responsible for the technical distribution of radio signals in the Netherlands.

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WORLDBEAT - PORTUGAL: NEW 4 METER BEACON ON YTHE AIR
A new 4 meter beacon is on the air from Portugal. CS5BFM operates on 70.166 MHz from Maidenhead grid square IM 59 r d near Serra das Fazendas de Almeirim at an altitude of 12 meters. Power output is 10 watts into a dipole antenna beaming 45 degrees and 225 degrees. If you hear it please e-mail a signal report to geral at ct1arr dot org.
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ON THE AIR: PORTUGUESE NAVY RAC JULY 26 - 27

To commemorate their 6th anniversary the Portuguese Navy Radio Amateur Club will be operating the special event station CS8DFG. This, on July 26th and 27th from the frigate 'D. Fernando II e Glï¿½ria' from 0800 UTC to 1900z UTC. CS8DFG will be active on or near 3.512, 7.012 and 14.012 MHz for CW and 3.690, 7.060 and 14.180 MHz for SSB. On both days operations will be interrupted from 1130 to 1300 UTC. Full information and QSL routing is available at www.nra.pt/php/bdDFG.php?lang=en&cY=&uLog&mID= (Portugese Navy Radio Amateur Club)

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OTHE AIR: DXPEDITION TO CHUGINADAK ISLAND

Members of the Russian Robinson Club will mount a DXpexpedition to Chuginadak Island from July 21st to the 27th. This is a parcel of land located 800 nautical miles South of Anchorage, Alaska,.

The four member expedition team will fly to Dutch Harbor Alaska on July 17th. They will then sail to Chuginadak Island and setup a camp and get on the air using the call sign KL7DX. Operations will continue for one week weather permitting.

The operation is reported to be privately funded with donations from team members, manufacturers of communications equipment and INDIVIDUAL amateur

radio operators worldwide. QSL via Ron Lago, AC7DX, PO Box 25426, Eugene, Oregon, 97402. More is on-line at www.na-234.com. (Russian Robinson Club)

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In D-X, word that IARU Vice President VE6SH will be active through Juluy 20th from the Maldives as 8Q7TM. His activity will include the July 12th to the 13th IARU HF World Championship. QSL via VE6SH.

And VE2008VQ is active until the 27th of July. This, in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Canada's Quebec City. Activity is on 80 through 6 meters. QSL via VE2AWR.

Also, G3RWF, is on the air as 5X1NH from Fort Portal in Western Uganda. He will be there until 15th August. QSL via G3RWF.

Lastly, TS1ASC is active until July 22nd during the 28th Arab Scout Jamboree and the Cub Scouts Mediterranean Camp. QSL via each operators instructions as given on the air.

(Above from various DX news sources)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: DXING FROM A BAR

If you're tired of DX expeditions from remote locations, islands on the air, lighthouses and other classic type DX operations, this one is for you. Call it bar DX'ing.   And we mean bar as in a place that serves alcoholic beverages, among other things. John WilliamsVK5BUI, has the inebriating details:

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Be ready for the second radio activity at Cahroi Bar, in Portugal, with the singular call sign CT8CAR on this edition.

The first endeavor took place last August 2007, when a group of friends, committed to ham radio, activated this kind of gastro-pub in Sintra Portugal, with the special call sign CT6CAR. Such event was so successful that now, the same group, will back on radio from there, among good regional excellent meals and beverage.

The special event station will be on the air during July 19 and 20, 2008. The Cahroi Bar is a familiar establishment, placed on a hot spot for radio communications, serving lunches and dinners at the table, including a good
 wine
and nice fresh local food that can rival a good restaurant's.

I wonder if they charge corkage for any "home brewing" or if "Ham" sandwiches are on the menu?

With some help from radio wave's propagation this special call sign will be easily reached at every amateur band on several modes.

The beacon will sign it up in the APRS system as well as at Google Earth. Both will give you the geographical coordinates of the location.

And so far no truth to the rumor they are planning a contest station with multipliers for guessing the last standing operator!

Oh and as a disclaimer... drink responsibly!

This is VK5BUI..

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Or as we say here in the United States, never drink and dive. Mixing Alcohol and gasoline can lead to serious consequences in court, or worse. (WIA News)

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NEWSCAST CLOSE

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